

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"South Sea Sketches," by Mrs. M. V. Dahlgren James R. Osgood & Co., offers at a most opportune time a picture of the social life of Peru and Chile. Through Mrs. Dahlgren's visit was made fourteen years ago, when her husband, Admiral Dahlgren, was in command of the South Pacific Squadron, it is fair to assume that her descriptions of the life, manners and customs of the mixed populations of those curious republics, where the earthquake may be taken as the symbol of political instability, apply with equal truth to their society just before the outbreak of the still unlet led conflict. The author enjoyed special social advantages in Lima, where her family was always welcome at the palace of President Prado. Some months after their departure for Valparaiso Prado was obliged to seek safety in the Chilean capital, where the acquaintance was renewed. The data for the work have been derived from the author's letters to friends at home. And so far as the book has a timely purpose, it seeks to show that climatic influences will always place the enterprising Peruvians at a disadvantage in any conflict arising between them and the more vigorous and enterprising Chileans.

In "Evan Hardley" (White & Stokes), Mr. William O. Stoddard attempts something more ambitious than his stories for young people. It is a novel depicting American village life, and, despite its lack of symmetry in the plot and some crudities of style, it succeeds in awakening a degree of interest by its life-like descriptions and its reflection of the humorous side of village character.

Dr. J. G. Holland during the last few months of his life carefully revised his works for the new popular edition now being issued by Charles Scribner's Sons. Three volumes are ready, "Titoem's Letters," "Gold Foil" and "Bitter Sweet." The new dress will commend itself to the many thousand admirers of Dr. Holland's writings. The page is especially handsome, thanks to clean-cut type, which has been double-leaded; and the paper, though thin, is firm and white.

"Around the Hub" (Roberts Brothers) is Mr. Samuel Adams Drake's idea of a boy's book about Boston, and it is an excellent one. Its aim is to give young people a picture of the life and growth of Boston from the earliest settlement. The illustrations are, in their way, as meritorious as the text.

The Eastern Archipelago" (T. Nelson & Sons) is a well written compilation by W. H. Davenport Adams, describing the scenery, the people and the animal and vegetable life of the innumerable islands lying between the shores of Asia and Australia.

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